



THE PARLIAMENTARY DIARY OF LAWRENCE WHITAKER 1642-43.

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October. 8. 1672. This Day Mr. Legh's wife  
was to be brought into the Court to be examined  
Alkins, who had been to be a Captain of a Company of Horse and  
he was committed to Newgate.

After it was resolved that while a Sheriff of the  
County in Westmore should take charge of the jail house, the  
key thereof being sent to Newgate for the use of the  
sheriff.

After order was given to the Sheriff of the  
County to furnish themselves with a quantity of powder  
quantity of Shot & Cartridges, Match & Powder for the  
use of their City.

Oct. 9. 10. This Day a New Bill was brought into the  
House of Commons it was appointed to draw it, for the amendment  
of the Statute of Division upon the 5th of November last, with the  
provision made & committed to a Committee of the House in  
Bill Dr. Pordeman by the House of Commons having been raised  
of them, was agreed to by the House. Declaring the reason of the  
declaring him to be a Traitor against the Parliament.

After a Report was made by the House of Commons  
of the Report of the Lord Harvill, who being taken into  
custody in some place in the House of Commons  
had undertaken to blow up the whole House, by the  
use of Powder & Arrows.

Oct. 11. This Day a Conference was held between  
the House of Commons of both Houses, wherein the House of Commons  
called to tell the House of Lords his instructions which he had received from  
the House for his service in the House of Commons & to make a speech  
protesting his fidelity to the House & declaring of many things  
going into the House had been thus long delayed.

Oct. 12 This Day the House of Commons made a  
written to the House of Lords Nicholas to send to the House of  
Lords his Majesty's Command: Declaring of his Majesty's  
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## SUMMARY

This thesis has as its aim the presentation of the text of a substantial part of a diary kept by a member of the Long Parliament, in an edition which is readable, accessible and informative. It is essentially divided into three parts.

The first part comprises an introduction which discusses the value of historical editing as a discipline and sets out the principles upon which the present edition is constructed. It also includes biographical details of the diarist; and a physical description of the diary. Finally an essay describes some of the background to the period of the diary and an assessment is made of the value of the diary as an historical source for the period of the Civil War in England.

The second part comprises a transcription of the text of the diary: approximately fifty per cent of the whole is included in this edition.

Footnotes have been kept to a minimum in the text so as not to overburden it and smother it by an enormous apparatus. The approach taken in this edition has been to keep necessary detailed information to appendices which comprise the third part of the thesis. It is hoped that this aids the readability of the text while yet providing information necessary to a full understanding. The information includes: a list of principal persons mentioned in the text; a glossary; a chronology of events; and a map. Finally an index is included.

## STATEMENT

This thesis contains no material which has been accepted for the award of any other degree or diploma in any university and, to the best of my belief contains no material previously published or written by another person, except when due reference is made in the text of the thesis.

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